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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**FIRE MARSHAL: RECALLED GAS HEATERS ARE SERIOUS DANGER**

**CONCORD, N.H.** – Several models of direct vent wall furnaces, commonly used in vacation homes, cottages and one-room additions are being recalled by the manufacturer and pose a significant carbon monoxide poisoning danger, according to State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan.

The heaters, manufactured by Rinnai America Corp., of Peachtree, Ga., contain a gasket that can fail, releasing carbon monoxide gas into a room.

“About 52,000 of these units have been sold in this country and several thousand are in use in New Hampshire,” Degnan said. “Many of them have been installed in vacation homes and cottages in the Lakes Region and the North Country.”

Degnan said the defective units are Rinnai model RHFE-431: FAIII-N, FAIII-P, WTA-N, WTA-72B-N and WTA-76-N and model RHFE-556: FAIII-N, FAIII-P, WTA-N and WTA-P. They are fueled with natural gas and LP gas (propane).

Any unit with those numbers should be shut down immediately and homeowners should contact their installers. Homeowners can also contact the manufacturer at 866-736-8344 to receive a free repair kit.

The wall furnaces were sold through wholesale distributors nationwide to contractors and dealers between February 2000 and December 2007 for between \$1,600 and \$1,900.

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